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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Freddy Schader \*

The 80th annual conference of the American Library Association to be held in Cleveland, July 9-15, will be a learning experience for all whether you arrive by train, plane, or armchair. Cleveland, a city of commerce with over two thousand factories of various kinds, is also a city of culture. The University Circle, including Western Reserve University, the Case Institute of Technology, and the Natural History Museum, also contains fifty libraries within its radius. Plan to visit at least one that is comparable in size to your library so that you may gain new ideas.

The meetings are planned to fit the interests of all, ranging from early morning meetings on the Small Public Library in the Jet Age to Reports on Catalog Code Revision to a critical analysis of "Adult Books for Young Adults." Many members of the Arkansas Library Association will be taking part on programs, councils, committees, and boards. We learn from participating as well as from listening.

If you are an armchair traveler, contact some of your library friends when the meeting is over, to gain new insight into our library problems. To date more than twenty Arkansas librarians have made reservations to attend the conference.

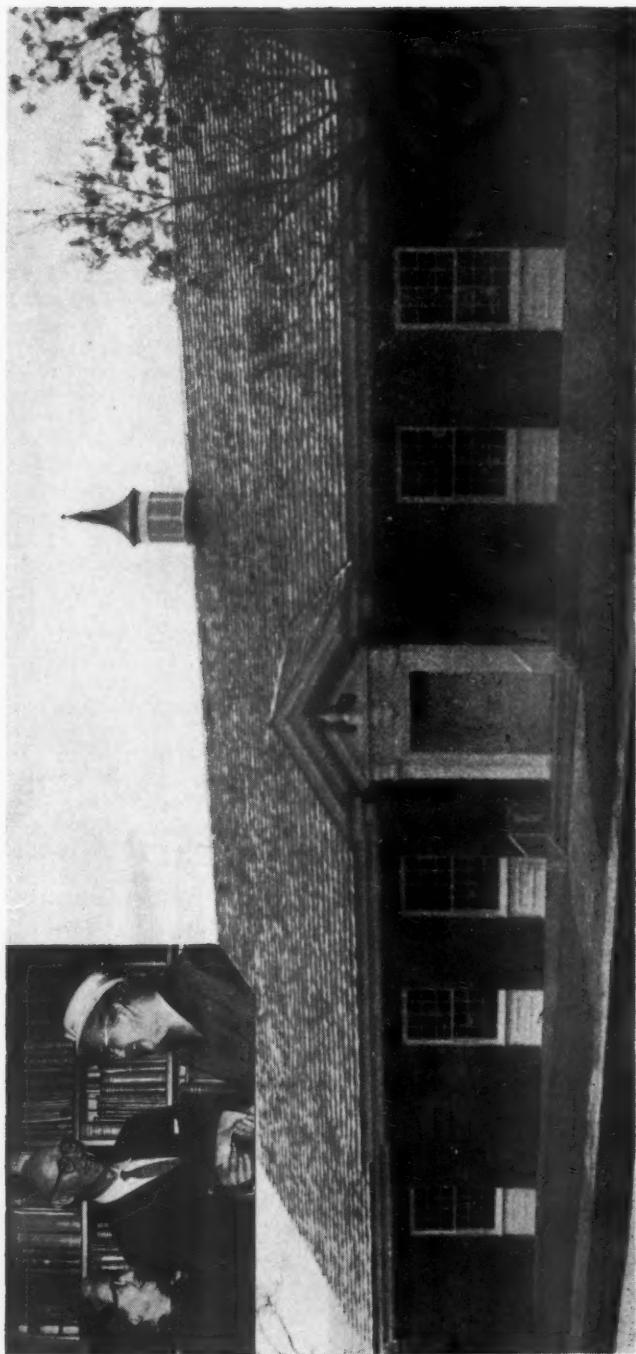
On April 28-30, three members of the School Library Division of our state library association attended the Leadership Conference of the School Library Development Project in Chicago. Kathryn Eldridge, Bentonville High School librarian; Frances

Nix, Hall High School librarian, Little Rock; and Freddy Schader, Arkansas Library Commission, spent the day preceding the conference visiting the Evanston Township school libraries. We were pleased to learn about their instructional program on the use of books and libraries starting in the first grade and continuing through the twelfth grade. At the conference the keynote speaker, James D. Logsdon, president of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, emphasized the need of such a program. Samuel Johnson once said, "Knowledge is of two kinds: We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information about it."

Since Arkansas was the first state to receive aid from the School Library Development Project, the Arkansas representatives were asked to report to various groups about the Arkansas plan. We were happy to report on the six regional meetings which the Elementary Principals Division sponsored on "Improving the Elementary School Library." We had hoped for a total attendance of 350—instead, the attendance was over 750!

Begin making your plans now to attend the Golden Anniversary Conference of our Association in Little Rock, October 1-3. If you have costumes of fifty years ago (and you can squeeze into them!), please notify Mrs. Hazel Prichard, program chairman, so that you can participate in the reenactment of the 1911 organizational meeting of the Arkansas Library Association.

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NEW SEARCY COUNTY LIBRARY DEDICATED APRIL 23, 1961

Inset: Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Ferguson present the initial check for the building to Mrs. James R. Tudor, chairman, Searcy County Library, February, 1960

## NEW SEARCY COUNTY LIBRARY—

*A Community Blessed . . .*

Reality of the Searcy County Library cannot be doubted—here it stands—in its early American design, finer than anything the Board of Trustees or the people of Searcy County can believe.

When the people of Searcy county come to realize this resource of personal uplift and enrichment, people of all ages and interests will discover that the doors of the Searcy County Library are on magic hinges which open upon inexhaustable treasures. They will come to sense not only admiration for the building, but will feel the gratitude and appreciation for what the Library means to the community.

It is infinitely more than a building the Fergusons have given to the county of their birth. Searcy county is now privileged to have a Library that is built for people and their participating pleasure. The county now has at its command a veritable community center where education, edification and enlightenment may be obtained in an ideal environment.

Gone is the notion that a Library is a place where stacks of old books crowd out the people. In its place has come the sweeping concept of a Library at the core of our community life, where youth and adults alike are catered to and where they can further their education and enrich their lives.

A Library it is, and a Library it shall be called. But to the Fergusons in giving it, and the community in using it, it will be much more than a house of books. It will be a house of happiness and wisdom, fulfilling a desire of the donors—that those who enter this Library will leave holding their heads higher, and their hearts uplifted for having entered.

We are proud of the Fergusons and we consider their dedication something of a homecoming, for it marks the nostalgic memory of the boyhood and girlhood life of Jim G. Ferguson and Hattie Mays. After courtship and marriage by this couple, Mr. Ferguson entered upon a self-supporting role in which he not only furthered his education on his own, but worked his way up into what was to him the wonderous world of free enterprise.

Mr. Ferguson possessed an inborn trait of strong moral character, inherited and nurtured by his parents. In his success he has been ably assisted by his wonderful wife, who not only helped him rear two fine boys and two wonderful girls, but encouraged him in all his endeavors. We are proud the Fergusons remembered us in giving this fine Library.

Mrs. James R. Tudor, Chairman  
Library Board of Trustees

*A Part of Largest Library Region in Arkansas*

Dedication of the new Searcy County Library building was held in Marshall, Sunday, April 23. Dr. George S. Benson, president, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, was principal speaker during dedication ceremonies beginning at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. The building, featured as the climax to National Library

Week, April 16 to 23, is a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Jim G. Ferguson of Evanston, Illinois, who have contributed more than \$50,000 to its construction; G. R. Kendall, chairman of the Executive Committee, and also a co-founder of Washington National Insurance Co., of Evanston, Ill., contributed \$11,500; and the two sons

and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson each contributed \$1,100 and hundreds of other people of the county and many former residents who now live elsewhere have made contributions of various amounts.

It is a fulfillment of the dream of Mrs. Lillian Tudor and members of the Marshall Business and Professional Women's Club who first sponsored a free county library as their annual project, and Library Board members, and other faithful friends who realized the need for a modern library and contributed of their time and money until the building was completed. Through their efforts, Marshall and Searcy county now have one of the outstanding county library buildings in Arkansas.

The Searcy County Library is a part of the North Arkansas Regional Library which was formed by Boone, Newton, Carroll and Marion counties in 1944. Searcy and Baxter counties joined in 1957 to make this the only six-county library unit in the state. The regional library was organized to provide library service in counties which could not afford to provide such service by themselves. The Arkansas Library Commission offered a permanent loan of books.

The library grew slowly over the years with books wearing out almost as rapidly as they could be replaced. Schools were struggling to get their libraries started and were making heavy demands on the Regional Library and there never seemed to be enough books to go around. After the counties were permitted to vote a library tax, there was still a shortage of books.

The passage of the National Library Act of Congress in 1956 was of great benefit to the region. This act was planned to improve library service to rural regions, particularly to rural adults. The North Arkansas Regional Library was the first region in the state to receive funds from this act. Federal funds provided a bookmobile and a staff for it, plus additional books for the bookmobile and the region. The bookmobile, used in all six counties circulates more than 2,000 books a month. Annual circulation of all units is expected to reach 200,000 this year. Schools have improved their own collections and are now borrowing only supplementary material from the regional school collection.

## THE PLACE OF THE LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

**The Library-Community Project of the American Library Association: Report 1955-1960**, by Ruth Warncke, has been received and duly processed by the Arkansas Library Commission. The Commission's copy of this report—prepared for the Ford Foundation's Fund for Adult Education, donors of the grant which made the project possible—is available on loan to libraries in Arkansas.

It should be of special interest to Arkansas librarians, trustees, and friends of our libraries since mention of Library-Community Project's work with Arkansas librarians has

been scattered so frequently throughout the report. We quote the following pertinent information from the report:

"Since the institutes and conferences developed with LCP assistance were similar in the grant and non-grant states, they can be discussed together. In the grant states such meetings were part of a total state program, and their relation to that program will be described later, but in form and content they did not differ significantly from their counterparts in the non-grant states.



Fundamentally, the purpose of each "meeting-to-learn" was to develop interest, knowledge and skills in the development of adult education in libraries. The specific purposes were dependent on the extent of such interest, knowledge and skills among the librarians and trustees who were likely to attend. It became apparent early in the project that a great deal of misunderstanding of library adult education existed, and that this misunderstanding engendered resistance to the idea. The planning groups for areas where interest was low or resistance apparent were inclined to set skills objectives. They felt that the participants would respond better to learning specifics — how to study a community, how to use films with groups, or how to conduct a program planners institute. **The first**

**trial-run institute** was based on such purposes. The planning committee in its post-meeting evaluation came to the conclusion that their principal objective should have been to develop understanding among the participants of the concept of library adult education. They agreed that the participants, eager and enthusiastic as they were, needed to see adult education as an integral part of the library's total program, and to learn to set adult education objectives for activities they were already undertaking. It was obvious that emphasis on the selection and use of materials appropriate for the education of adults was the prime need. It is significant that the following institutes in that state were on Library Materials for Adults, and Modern Man; His Cultural Heritage."

### *White River Regional Library, Headquarters at Batesville*

In a rapidly changing world, libraries are faced with meeting a host of challenges on which their very existence may depend. In the past a library served its purpose by being a purveyor of books, but today libraries must develop programs and services that will reach into our communities.

These are the objectives of library service in the four counties comprising the White River Regional Library (Independence, Cleburne, Izard and Stone). It is the policy of each county library to encourage a good public relations program which includes work with teenagers, older adults and shut-ins along with regular library patrons.

Careful consideration of community interests will reveal what books and what services will be most acceptable to its patrons.

The libraries recognize seasonal choices, and appropriate books are used in displays to attract readers. For example, spring suggests books on gardening, horticulture and household subjects; women of the county

are invited to visit the library and check out these books for club programs. The invitation to browsing is extended to women for study club programs. Tables are arranged for convenience to researchers and a staff member is prepared to give any needed assistance.

School children of the county become familiar with their county libraries through annual visits on special occasions, the trips usually made by buses. The bookmobile is making a place for itself in scheduled trips over the four counties. Besides the basic collection it carries dozens of books covering community-wide interests at all age levels. Stops are made at houses, crossroads, schools, at post offices in small villages, at stores and service stations.

At one stop a postmistress may choose as many as fifty books for people who live far off the highway and have left their requests with her. At a crossroads stop one family checks out books for themselves and for a neighbor who is a shut-in.

Recently a woman walked some distance from her home to remind a

neighbor, who usually checks out a dozen or more books, that it was the day for the bookmobile to stop. One woman who lives half a mile off the highway walks another half mile to be at the crossroads stop to pick up books for her family's reading.

"The bright spot in my month" is what a teacher in one rural school calls the bookmobile stop. An elderly man walked in the main library

recently for the first time saying he missed the bookmobile that day and decided that he would just come to town and pay a visit to the library. He just had to have something to read!

This story could go on and on. And so the White River Regional Library has found its place in the four-county area it serves.

Mrs. Terry Griffith, librarian

### *Crittenden-Mississippi Regional Library, Headquarters at Osceola*

It is a little hard just now to tell whether the library is in the community or the community is in the library. This is not only true just now at headquarters but also at the branches. We have had libraries full of displays for six weeks. We get this each spring and the library seems to be the logical place to show off the work of groups and individuals. We have had some wonderful science displays this time. Mrs. Beall at Wilson had to schedule her displays and allow each winner one week to have space for all.

The libraries are also headquarters for program committees. We are having two or three groups a day, now working with materials and discussing the yearbooks for the new year. Today one of the sorority program girls is in working on their theme for their yearbook program Arts, or FINE ARTS. I do not think they have decided just how they will work it up but I see they have made some progress. They have three of the programs pretty well outlined.

On the other side of the library we have a Girl Scout group from Joiner. Their leader is with them and they are hunting material for their summer program and Mrs. McRae is helping them. They are asking questions about the organization in the library and also telling Mrs. McRae about the bookmobile

service. They met the bookmobile at Joiner and Bassett all summer and also help get books to readers who cannot meet the bookmobile each time.

We have had four groups this week getting material for Vacation Church Schools. We are shifting part of that to our branches now and also to the Bookmobile. Mrs. Beall always works with her Wilson groups and she is helping now with the Whitton groups. They meet and plan and the bookmobile girls get the books to them on their runs.

Today, Mrs. Carrie B. White, librarian of the Blytheville Negro schools, called to report that they had elected their officers for the Student Librarian Group for next year, and the new officers and the officers for this year would like to come in next Wednesday for a meeting here. I told her I would be happy to have them but she would have to take another day since I had this DAR program all set up for next Wednesday. This is an annual thing and we close circulation during the program.

Perhaps this DAR work will be a little different from reports from other counties. Miss Ruth Massey has kept this going since my first year here. The William Strong Chapter includes more than Osceola. She has been the force behind our strong



local and state materials collections. Since the first year that she brought in material on the flag and we did a display in the old building up town and she left copies for me to take to all the county schools, she has gone on up in the organization within the state and the nation. On each trip she remembers the library and comes back with new additions for us and news. Miss Ruth has done a great deal to give the library to the people and to bring the people to the library. We have people coming in from other states who have heard, through Miss Ruth, about information we have here that they have not been able to find other places.

I am sure all the libraries over the state are just as busy as we are here with the communities. This type

thing is wonderful but it also takes time and takes a person working with them. That is the reason I must have a full time worker qualified to help with such work. Mrs. Williams can do the same type work that Miss Ross did for me a few summers.

The Manila Branch library sponsored an art show during NLW and made enough money to buy 12 new reproductions of famous masters to be kept in the library and be checked out by teachers in rooms and homes. This program started back in 1957 when we had a good art teacher there and her class did the first pictures and the collection has been added to over the years.

—Miss Eula McDougal, librarian

### *Randolph County Library, Headquarters at Pocahontas*

We co-operate, as far as possible with various civic, religious, educational and cultural clubs here in the city, and throughout the country, in furnishing materials for their programs.

The Girl Scouts in Pocahontas have a weekly story hour at the library each Saturday morning from 10 to 11 a. m. for the three through eight year group of children.

—Miss Norah Martin, librarian

### *Poinsett County Library, Headquarters at Harrisburg*

With five branch libraries established since the first of the year, Poinsett County's expanded library service is being enthusiastically supported. The folks are reading avidly, and a total of 349 new customers have been registered since January. The impetus to improved service began in the fall of 1960 when voters approved a one-mill tax for the library. Branches have been set up at Marked Tree, Trumann, where the books have been placed in the community building; at Lepanto; Tyronza, where there is a library, and at Wiener, where the present library is housed in a tiny building resembling a doll house. As soon as the new city hall is completed, the library will be moved there.

Headquarters for the county library services are located in the basement of the courthouse at Harrisburg. The library hopes to move at some time to a street level building with larger quarters. In addition to the branches, plans are to set up deposit stations, where the books will be taken and picked up. The Weona community probably will be the first such station. The library owns a station wagon, to expedite moving the books from headquarters to the branches and deposit stations.

"High school students are encouraged to use the branches libraries. Although the branches have been set up only this year, they have received excellent support, and reading definitely is on the increase in

Poinsett County. Open house events at each of the branches called attention to these facilities.

Harrisburg has co-operated with the county by furnishing the building and maintenance of the headquarters building.

County Judge Rex Downing is an ex-officio member of the County

Library Board, which is headed by Mrs. Howard Stuck of Marked Tree. Other members are Mrs. John Gant of Harrisburg, Mrs. Guy French of Weiner, J. D. McGehee of Lepanto, Frank Sanders of Tyronza, and K. K. Hendrix of Trumann.

--Mrs. A. H. Landers, II, librarian

### *Public Library of Jonesboro and Craighead County*

We have always felt that the Jonesboro and Craighead County Library was a helpful and necessary agency in our county and we also had the feeling that the citizens felt the same way. To substantiate this opinion we can cite the following five activities or opinions of others during the last twelve months:

1. The librarian was asked to be on the steering committee for the county project of the study of Arkansas sponsored by the Extension Department of the University of Arkansas. She also took part on a panel discussion in connection with this at a county council of Home Demonstration Clubs.
2. The Civic Clubs were most co-operative in inviting the library to give a program to their clubs during National Library Week.
3. The library has been asked to assist the Junior League in their project of assisting the elementary schools in setting up their own libraries. We have been

asked to give classes in book mending and simple cataloging.

4. The library was visited for the first time during the Grand Jury inspection of county buildings. The library staff was highly complimented on the cleanliness of the building, selection of books, and general appearance. Recommendation: a new building is badly needed and should be built as soon as possible.
5. When citizens say to us, "You just don't know how much this library means to our community!" and when a child who lives on the bookmobile route cries as he hears on waking from his nap that he has missed the bookmobile—then we feel that we are a part of the life of the community in a real way. When we go to a rural school and hear the teacher say, "The boys and girls have been most impatient to know when the bookmobile is coming!"—then again we feel that we are an integral part of the school.

—Miss Elizabeth Malone, librarian

### *Scott-Sebastian Regional Library, Headquarters at Waldron*

The library can contribute in many ways to community life: it can be a place to have small meetings, it can be a place to which people turn for various kinds of help. In both Scott and Sebastian counties the library has been used for flower shows. The Scott County Library is used for various meetings of the

Home Demonstration Clubs. This year, the baccalaureate speaker came to the Library for all of the background material for his speech. Each year we furnish the various churches with material for the vacation church schools—handicraft books and related reading materials. One of the instructors for the University Extension

sion classes held at the Junior College gets books to use for class examination, thereby insuring that students

taking the courses become familiar with new books in the subject field.

—Miss Wilma Ingram, librarian

### *North Arkansas Regional Library, Headquarters at Harrison*

A series of art exhibits at the North Arkansas Regional Library in Harrison has created much interest this year. All of them were placed in the main reading room and were explained by signs, bulletin board arrangements and pamphlets.

The first two exhibits were arranged by Mrs. Marian Crump, art chairman of the AAUW. The first was on Oriental art and included pictures, metal, cloth and other objects. The second was on modern art.

In February and March the Federated clubs displayed the entries in the district contests both in high school and elementary sections. A painting by Stephen Beard of Harrison which placed third in the state contest was in the high school display.

The art show which created the most interest was the Arkansas Traveler Collection of Ozark Scenes loaned to the Arkansas Art Center by the Ford Times. Several pictures painted in this area by Louis Freund were included and dozens of people who had never been in the library before came by to see these.

The Delta Art Exhibit, also on loan from the Arkansas Art Center, was at the library the first two weeks in May. Mrs. Rufus Cox arranged for these exhibits. Another exhibit was scheduled for the library in June by the Betty Cox Studio in Harrison but this studio was damaged by the flood and arrangements are not complete.

Following is a summary of bookmobile circulation statistics since 1957:

#### August, 1957 - June 30, 1958

5,575 books were checked out in communities (average, 507 per month).

At this time the bookmobile was servicing six county branches, a deposit, 21 communities and eight schools on a once-every-three-weeks schedule. The books left at branches or schools were not counted for the bookmobile report, and are not included in the above figure. The bookmobile continued to go to branches until early in 1960, and none of that circulation is counted here.

#### July 1, 1958 - June 30, 1959

16,319 books were checked out in communities, 5,334 to schools, making a total of 21,653 (average 1804 per month).

On January 1 the bookmobile was going to 24 communities and 11 schools, also to the branches.

#### July 1, 1959 - June 30, 1960

21,938 books checked out in communities, 4,428 to schools. On January 1, 1960 we were going to 33 communities and 11 schools. We checked out a total of 26,366 books (average, 2,198 per month).

#### July 1, 1960-April 30, 1961 (10 months)

The bookmobile was going to 44 communities and 11 schools, and checked out 23,546 books in communities and 4,157 in schools for a total of 27,703 (an average of 2,770 per month).

The schedule for summer 1961 includes 50 communities, several completely new and others that we do not visit during the school months. Mrs. Ruth Cunningham is bookmobile librarian.

Our acquisition of new books, through allotment of federal funds plus the fact that they are cataloged for us at the Arkansas Library Commission headquarters, makes it easier for the staff to fill increased demands of our growing circulation. The staff

has worked with me to find the areas in which more material was needed and the result has been a speed-up in answering research and reference questions.

New material has been placed in all the branches. This has resulted in a lessening of demand for "best sellers," since most people seem just as happy with another book. This has saved staff time and has avoided ill feeling among the branches. We now have time to examine the re-

views carefully before buying publicized books.

There are many improvements we need to make in our region, particularly in our branches. We still have only slightly more than one-half book per person in the area; but our increase in circulation—together with the fact that hardly a day passes that we do not have a new patron in the library—makes us feel that we are growing in influence.

—Mrs. D. G. Griffiths, librarian

### *Jackson County Library, Headquarters at Newport*

Every now and then an incident occurs that restores our faith in the innate goodness of mankind and makes us realize that "God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world." Such an incident happened recently at the Billingsley Memorial Library: The Jackson County Library Board, in an effort to render as many services to Jackson countians as possible, began establishing book deposit stations all over the county. Cooperation by local people has been such that books seem to be almost everywhere.

Who would ever expect to find any kind of a book but a checkbook in a bank! Well, go to the Bank of Swifton and you'll find a corner full of books of every kind, shape and description. In Tuckerman you may go over for a visit with Mrs. Abe Hester and come back with books from her home deposit station. At Campbell's Station, Mr. Charles Penix combines groceries with books on his shelves.

At Coffeetown the Fisher's were kind enough to lend a shelf in their store—and so did Milous Campbell at his store in Olyphant, and the

Long's shared their shelves at their store in Grubbs.

Mrs. F. O. Stuart graciously plans space in her home at Oakland—and so do Mrs. Ira Mathis at Tucker's Ridge and Mrs. Ada Tucker at Balch. At Beedeville the men go to the Burton Mercantile Store and play checkers while their wives go over to Mrs. Babb's store and get the news and their groceries, and **books** too.

Mrs. Jake Aslin is our enthusiastic and energetic deposit station librarian. And incidentally, since she started distributing books, the circulation has grown from 540 to 1,057.

Anyway, to make a long story short, in came this nice man from the Oakland community. When asked if the librarian might be of some help to him, he replied, "No thank you, I just wanted to stop by and say, 'Thank you,' for bringing to our various communities, ours in particular, all the good new books."

A small incident, would you say?

—Mrs. Jessie Bach, librarian

### *Southwest Arkansas Regional Library, Headquarters at Nashville*

The newest SWAR branch library established at Winthrop (Little River County) Arkansas in March, 1960, has a higher circulation than some of

the older branches in the region. Library service to Winthrop began with a small deposit in a grocery store back in 1947. Later on the re-

gional bookmobile made monthly stops. Last March a library deposit was placed again at the back of a grocery store. About three months ago, Mrs. Charles Smith offered the use of a room in her home as a community library. Expense of refurnishing and redecorating the room, and providing a public entrance with an outside library sign was paid entirely by Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The sign reads, "Winthrop Branch Library." Mrs. Smith keeps

the library open five afternoons a week, but never turns a borrower away, if she is at home. Books are delivered on a weekly schedule to shut-ins, and when Mrs. Smith cannot deliver books to Winthrop patients at the county hospital in Ashdown (thirty miles distant) she mails them. She also sends post cards to farm families inviting them to come in anytime and use the library.

—Mrs. S. E. Amonette, librarian

### *Rector Public Library*

Each year sees an increase in library activities that contribute to community life in our area. The general idea of the citizens in any community is that their library can furnish books and magazines for reading in a particular subject area.

But today our patrons come to the library for other helps. They use library materials for programs and news reporting for the following organizations: church, P. T. A., Woman's Club, Men's Civic Club, Home Demonstration Club, 4H, and Rural Community Improvement Club.

The Rector Public Library serves as a meeting place for committees of all these organizations. The new annex has provided a large, well-lighted and ventilated room for local and county meets and workshops. A group discussion on the "Arkansas Future" series and a P. T. A. study group met here recently.

Folding chairs, refrigerator, hot-plate, large percolator, and other gifts have made it an ideal place for

social and business gatherings of the various community organizations.

Our planned reading course for "The Family Reads" is still performing a community service; and demands for such books as these are increasing each month. The book list for junior high school readers always makes for attractive summer reading, and at present a new book list, called "Read These If You Plan To Go To College" is getting its share of attention. Our E. S. O. reading group continues to grow in members, and the Spring P. T. A. study group added new library patrons. Vacation Bible school classes always choose a special collection of books, and the Story Hour provides recreation reading for the smaller children. Remedial reading helps are used throughout the year. The library's location on Main Street is an inducement for patrons who remember they need books as they shop for groceries. In view of these varied activities the Rector Public Library would seem to be a helpful and even necessary agency in our community.

—Mrs. Evert Randleman, librarian

### *The Charleston Community Library . . .*

The Charleston Library has grown from a small local library sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary to a tax-supported branch of the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library, which encompasses Franklin,

Johnson, Logan, Pope, and Yell counties.

In 1960 Mrs. John McGay, native Charlestonian now a resident of Tulsa, gave \$1,000 to the library together



with a sizable shipment of books. Mrs. McGay's total donation in books to date amounts to about one thousand volumes, among them some valuable fiction and non-fiction. Following her good example the Charleston Library has received gifts from other appreciative citizens.

The county officials have been largely responsible for housing and for continuous maintenance of the library rooms. Because of Mrs. McGay's generous concern for library, Judge Harold Ford of Ozark has co-operated with the library board in the enlargement of floor space from two rooms to six rooms, and in making other needed improvements. Outstanding among these was the refinishing of twenty-five captain's chairs purchased in 1888 for use in the first Charleston courthouse. With the gift of \$1,000 some additional remodeling was also accomplished. Floors of the library's six rooms are covered in linoleum tile, and a new lighting

system has been installed. The heating system has been modernized and the office once warmed by a coal-burning grate is now graced with a gas-burning fireplace of native stone.

A local history room has been established, and valuable books pertaining to the history of Charleston and to Franklin county history have been donated. A beautifully refinished solid walnut cabinet assembled with pegs has been purchased and given to the library by Jerry Wakefield of Fort Smith, formerly of Charleston. Property of an early district federal judge in this area, the cabinet was brought by barge via the Mississippi River and up the Arkansas River to Fort Smith 160 years ago. The library's interest in art is evidenced by the excellent paintings that adorn its walls. People of Charleston are very proud of their library, considered one of the best branch libraries in Arkansas.

—Mrs. Earl Bond, librarian

### *Phillips-Lee Regional Library*

On June 6, 1961 the trustees of the Phillips and Lee county libraries met at the Phillips County Library, headquarters at Helena. An agreement between the two county boards and the Arkansas Library Commission for a two year demonstration of bookmobile service to the two counties July 1, 1961 - June 30, 1963 to be financed by federal aid was signed. Mrs. Roy C. McGregor, Cotton Plant, was employed as regional librarian to direct the demonstration. Mrs. Curtis Jeffries is Phillips county librarian. Beginning September 1, Miss Mary Rives, Marianna, will be Lee county librarian.

The Public Library of Helena and Phillips County will be headquarters for the bookmobile demonstration.

### *Fulton-Sharp Regional Library*

Mrs. Posy Talbot has been elected librarian of the Fulton-Sharp Regional Library. She was formerly libra-

Mrs. Otis Howe, Wabash, chairman, Phillips County Library, will serve as regional chairman.

Miss Frances Nix, consultant for public libraries, Arkansas Library Commission, is spending June and July in the area to assist with surveying the area for the establishment of bookmobile routes. Actual service is scheduled to begin August 1.

Other members of the board are: Phillips: Mrs. O. C. Brewer, Mrs. George Cromwell, Mrs. Dave McDonald, Mrs. J. C. Jeffries and Mrs. Milton Stewart. Lee: W. G. Hoyle, chairman; Mrs. R. T. Bickerstaff, Mrs. Jimason Daggett, Allen Lindsey, Ronald Sanstead and Mrs. James Yancey.

rian at Williford High School in Sharp County. Mrs. Sam Holt, Mammoth Spring, is chairman of the



board of this two-county library. Mrs. Evelyn Willett, Salem, is regional clerk. This library was organized in May, 1960, and was to have been in

operation last July 1. Due to the illness and later resignation of Miss Nina Turner as librarian, the opening was delayed.

## ALA HOLDS 80th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND

The 80th annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 9-15 with more than 5,000 librarians expected to participate in a program designed to alert them to rapid changes taking place within the profession. The theme of the conference, "Libraries for All," will be pointed up at three general sessions. Presiding officer will be Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, coordinator of Children's Services, New York Public Library and president of ALA. An inaugural banquet, a "family affair," at the third general session will feature speakers from within the profession. The general sessions will be held Sunday, July 9, at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, July 12, at 2 p. m. and Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the Cleveland Auditorium, headquarters for this conference where ALA offices will be located.

ALA Council sessions will be held Monday, July 10, at 10 a. m. and Thursday, July 13, at 8:30 p. m. A National Library Week evaluation report and a report on the use of photocopying will be presented during the Council sessions. A membership meeting will be held July 13 following the adjournment of the second council session. Pre-conference activities will get underway July 5 at Wade Park Manor when the Adult Services Division and the Children's Services Division of ALA, in cooperation with the School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, conduct a four day institute on "The Adult and the Child's World—The Library's Potential for Service."

A three day Rare Books Institute will get underway July 6 at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, sponsored by

the Rare Books Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and a three day Library Buildings and Equipment Institute will open at Kent State University on July 6 sponsored by the Buildings and Equipment Section of the Library Administration Division of the ALA. An American Library Trustee Association Institute for library trustees will be held July 8-9 co-sponsored by the ALTA, a section of the Public Library Association, and the School of Library Science of Western Reserve University. Included will be a tour of the Center for Documentation Research, school of Library Science, Western Reserve University.

Other highlights of the conference include: Newbery Caldecott Awards Dinner on July 11 at 7:30 p. m. A symposium on "How Greater Cleveland Public Libraries and Cleveland Organizations and Agencies Work Together," Monday, July 10, at 3:30 p. m. A panel discussion on "The Problem of Mental Health as a Public Crisis" and "What are the Library's Responsibilities for Collections and Services to Meet the Crisis?," Tuesday, July 11, starting at 10 a. m. A talk on "Teaching Machines and Their Implications for the Academic Library" by Philip Lewis, director, Bureau of Instruction Materials, Chicago Board of Education, Wednesday, July 12, at 4:30 p. m. A series of talks on "The Flow of Children's Books from Country to Country," starting Monday, July 10, at 8:30 p. m. Library school reunions will be held Thursday, July 13, by the following schools: Carnegie, Chicago, Columbia, Drexel, Emory, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pratt, Rutgers, Simmons, Western Reserve, and Wisconsin.

Among those from Arkansas planning to attend the Cleveland ALA conference are:

**Officers of the Arkansas Library Association:** Miss Freddy Schader, Little Rock, president; Mrs. Hazel Prichard, Hope, president-elect; and Mrs. Kathryn Eldridge, Bentonville, chairman, School Library Division.

**Trustees and staff of the Arkansas Library Commission:** Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Mrs. Almon Faught, Mrs. Karl Neal, Miss LaNell Compton, Mrs. Sylvia Mills and Miss Jackie Poe.

**Public librarians:** Mrs. Jessie Bach, Mrs. Inez S. Bishop, Mrs. Margaret Burkhead, Mrs. Ruth Goynes, Mrs. Beal Hardcastle, Miss Florene Jordan, Mrs. Nancy Rutherford.

**School librarians:** Miss Ruth Clawson, Miss Kathleen Sharp.

**College:** J. C. Borden, Miss Georgia Clark, Miss Margaret Goldsby.

**Others** include Miss Katherine Arnold, Mrs. T. S. Compton, Mrs. W. T. Yost, and Garvin Goynes.

## STATE AID IN ARKANSAS, 1961-1963

By Frances P. Neal\*

The Arkansas Library Commission met in annual meeting Monday, May 29, 1961, to study the state aid grant program of the Arkansas Library Commission. The high loss of population and the low income from the one mill library tax in Arkansas make the establishment of multi-county units imperative for the extension of public library service to all counties in Arkansas. We now have 14 counties lacking county library service and many libraries with inadequate service.

The Library Services Act program has been of great help in our state in fostering the development of multi-county units. Thirty-three counties have received direct aid since 1957 and all counties have been helped indirectly through improved service from the Arkansas Library Commission. Arkansas is suffering a reduction in the LSA appropriation 1961-1962 because of a loss in rural population since 1950. Our federal grant has been reduced from \$164,000 per year to \$140,000 for the coming year. Lack of this \$24,000 will hinder the establishment of some units we had hoped to establish.

The state legislature increased the state aid appropriation to provide the money needed to purchase an ini-

tial book collection for Crittenden and Lee Counties, two new counties passing the one mill library tax, November, 1960.

Because we were granted this new money the state aid annual continuation grants for single county library units were approved by the Arkansas Library Commission for the next biennium on the same formula as in the past: three cents per capita—1960 census; \$500 Achievement grant for the passage of the one mill tax.

With the exception of a few counties this will result however, in a reduction in state aid because of the loss of population since the last census. Greatest gain in population was Pulaski County with a gain of approximately 27,000 people.

The annual consolidation grant was increased from \$500 to \$1000 per county to enable multi-county library units to pay a qualified librarian at least \$4,800 per year and to continue the maintenance of a bookmobile and/or station wagon for distribution of books in rural areas.

The state library agency is charged with a heavy responsibility. The staff at headquarters is small and the demands for service are increasing more rapidly than our appropri-

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ation. Many goals have been set in advance of our ability to accomplish them. All librarians and trustees interested in the improvement of public library service in Arkansas should study the basic principles governing a good state aid program. "State Aid to Libraries" is discussed at some

length in Vol. 9, No. 1, July, 1960 issue of LIBRARY TRENDS, published by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science. This is important, worthwhile reading for anyone interested in the betterment of library service in Arkansas.

### "TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITIES, UNLIMITED"

By Kathaline Oxner \*



"Things are looking up!" This note of optimism characterized the Arkansas Trustee Workshop held April 11, 1961, at the Sam Peck Hotel in Little Rock. The one-day meeting sponsored jointly by the Arkansas Library Association and the Arkansas Library Commission was attended by 150 persons. Workshop decorations consisted of posters, mobiles, bookmarks, and place cards announcing National Library Week, April 16-23.

Mrs. I. C. Oxner, chairman, Trustee Division, Arkansas Library Association, presided. The official welcome was given by J. N. Heiskell, chairman of the Little Rock Public Library Board, serving his 51st year as a library trustee. The Association's official greetings were extended by Miss Freddy Schader, president. 1961 marks the Golden Anniversary Year of the Arkansas Library Association, founded in 1911.

\* Mrs. I. C. Oxner, is chairman, Trustee Division, Arkansas Library Association.

Mrs. Oxner pointed up the theme "Trustee Opportunities, Unlimited"—by listing the following objectives:

1. Suggesting to participants some opportunities which lie within the grasp of every trustee.
2. Encouraging recognition of these opportunities as real trustee responsibilities.
3. Examining the trustee's role in public relations and surveying the aids available in this field.

Mrs. Raymond A. Young of Columbia, Missouri, president, American Library Trustee Association, gave the keynote address, entitled "What Did You Bring?" Following Mrs. Young's talk a panel discussion was moderated by Mrs. Weldon Lynch of Oakdale, Louisiana, first vice-president of ALTA. Topics and participants were:

1. Willingness—Mrs. S. A. Banks, Jr., chairman, Dumas Public Library Board, and member, Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board. Mrs. Banks discussed four kinds of willingness which have strengthened library service: (1) willingness to dream, (2) willingness to exert effort in service, (3) willingness to give, and (4) willingness to use.

2. Discontent.—Harvey L. Young, member, Pulaski County Library Board. Mr. Young said that perhaps the best kind of discontent might be "discontent with oneself" for with that beginning a wide circle of improvement might be effected.

- 3.—Curiosity.—Mrs. Lee Martin, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission. To learn from others by actual observation and participation is a useful application of the term "curiosity," said Mrs. Martin referring to bus trips taken by the Arkansas trustees.

Invocation at the luncheon was given by Ray N. Boyle, chairman, Hot Spring County Library Board. Miss LaNell Compton, cataloger, Arkansas Library Commission, had arranged a delightful musical program: a boys quartet from North Little Rock High School, accompa-

nied by Mrs. Lester Bickford, music director; and violin selections by Merrill McMillan, North Little Rock, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Jordan, music director, Pulaski Heights Junior High School, Little Rock.

Mayor Werner C. Knoop was represented at the luncheon by Mrs. Knoop, who presented keys to the City of Little Rock to the honored guests, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lynch. Representing Governor Faubus, Mrs. Almon Faight, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission, gave each guest an Arkansas Traveler Certificate. Dale Sessoms, chairman of the Ouachita County Library Board, presented gifts of Camden's "Camark" pottery. Tom Robinson, representing Marvin Melton, president of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce, presented walnut card tables manufactured at Trumann.

Other guests recognized at the luncheon included Cecil Edmonds of Little Rock, whose idea "Operation Library," sponsored by the Jaycees, became an international project; Judge Ray Sikes of Little River County, president of the Arkansas County Judges Association; Mrs. Rosemary Martin, editor of the Public Library Trustee; Mrs. Merlin Moore, chairman, and Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary, Arkansas Library Commission.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Terry Griffith, executive director of National Library Week Committee in Arkansas, talked about statewide plans for the week. Mrs. J. R. Tudor, chairman of the Searcy County Library Board, gave an invitation to the dedication of the new Searcy County Library building at Marshall, Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, 1961, at 2:00 p. m.

The afternoon address by Mrs. Lynch, "Dynamo or Dodo?" was both entertaining and provocative. The enthusiasm evidenced during the Arkansas Library Trustee Workshop indicates that "Things are looking up!" in Arkansas libraries.

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Librarians:

Diamonds may be some folks' best friend—but my best friends are our local librarians!

As president of the Arkansas Historical Association, I wish to thank Arkansas librarians for their comprehensive interest, and their loyal concern beyond call of duty, to the Arkansas heritage. Through their scrapbooks and clipping services we have preserved much early history which might have been lost.

One goal set for the officers and executive board of the AHA for the present year is to double the number of county historical associations, or affiliations of like nature. At present there are twenty such organizations. Could you help to organize one in your county, or send me names of persons interested in such work?

Quite often we need only to remind our friends that such a worthwhile publication as the **ARKANSAS HISTORICAL QUARTERLY** exists. School libraries, doctor's offices, public offices, bank foyers and library patrons are prospective subscribers. At present we have 1500 members of AHA. Our working agenda can be as full as volunteer services wish to make it.

If you have not started an Arkansiana corner in your library, we urge that you consider such additions. Older families have given memoirs and family books as memorials or honorariums. Back copies of the **HISTORICAL QUARTERLY** are sometimes available. You will want to bind any back copies you happen to have. Please do add every county history as it is published. Only recently I was pleased to see the attractive new book on Craighead County written by Charles Stuck.

Many high schools have shown interest in helping to preserve Arkansas and local history. Dedicated teachers have made state history assignments for English themes, and the whole state has benefited. Young people have an instinctive urge toward local history, and youth history clubs are a rewarding hobby.

Each community has its own particular program interests. It seems to me that family history records are the most authentic history. Columbia County Historical Association is making a large map of Columbia county, inserting family names with dates of arrival in the different settlements. Arkansas writers and writers of books pertinent to Arkansas may be saluted through book reviews, written for local newspapers or presented on club programs, on television and radio. As librarians, you have the unusual opportunity of "selling" Arkansas to people who do not barter with money.

Do visit our state meeting next spring and do send any historical material you think might be interesting to Dr. W. L. Brown, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Dr. Brown edits the **ARKANSAS HISTORICAL QUARTERLY**.

We invite you to send your own subscription of \$4.00 to Dr. Brown, too. We think that membership in the Arkansas Historical Association will give you the satisfaction of contributing to an organization and a cause which deserves the support and devotion of all of us.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Mary Davis Woodward

(Mrs. W. A. G. Woodward)  
Magnolia, Arkansas



## SEVENTH ARKANSAS BOOK FAIR



Forest Park Fifth Graders in First Hurray for Books Parade.

The Seventh Arkansas Book Fair, sponsored by the Arkansas Library Commission, the Little Rock Public Library, the North Little Rock Public Library, and the Pulaski County Library, was held in Little Rock, May 1-5, as a part of the Annual Festival of Arts. The 1500 new books, divided into ten interest categories, were on display in the Vera Snook Room of the Little Rock Public Library.

Other books were displayed along with Art Exhibits in the various downtown windows and lobbies. All the books that have won annual Newbery and Caldecott Awards since the first awards were given were exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts in MacArthur Park.

A new note was added this year with a Book Fair Parade. Students carrying standards of various types paraded in downtown Little Rock to advertise the Book Fair.

The poster Contest held each year in connection with the Book Fair created considerable interest. The regulations were changed somewhat so that all students would compete not only on the same grade levels, but also in equitable population areas. First place winners received a \$5.00 book of their choice and second place winners received a \$3.00 book of their choice.

Winners, announced by Mrs. Anne Jackson, chairman of the poster contest, were as follows: Sweepstakes: 1st place among all posters—Sharon Giese, Hall High School, Little Rock; 2nd place of all posters—Arkansas School for the Blind, Little Rock. This poster was worked on by all students at the School. It is done in braille with an interpretative legend in one corner by partially seeing students.





A workshop for branch librarians from all the counties in the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library was held in the headquarters library in Monticello, Arkansas, on June 19, 1961. The morning was spent in a discussion of book selection and book selection aids useful in filling school loans. Beginning in September school collections will be borrowed from the branch libraries nearest the school. The afternoon was devoted to a discussion of useful reference books. The workshop was sponsored by Mrs. Ruth Goynes, librarian, Southeast Arkansas Regional Library. Two consultants, Miss Freddy Schader and Mrs. Sylvia Mills, staff members of the Arkansas Library Commission, attended the workshop.

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A three weeks' workshop for school administrators will be held on the campus of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, July 17-August 3. One week of the workshop, July 24-28, will be devoted to "Responsibility of the Administrator for Improving the Use of the Library in the Instructional Program". Miss Marcella Grider, instructor in Library Science at the University, and Miss Mary Frances Kennon, consultant, School Library Development Project of the American Library Association, will be assisted by staff members of the Arkansas Library Commission and the State Department of Education. Administrators may attend and secure credit for the entire three weeks of the workshop, or for the one week devoted to the study of the school library. For full particulars write to Dr. Henry Kronenberg, College of Education, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

## WORKSHOP ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION

The ninth annual School Library Workshop of the University of Michigan Department of Library Science will be held August 7-18 in the library of the University High School. The subject will be "New Developments in Education and Their Implications for Libraries."

Emphasis will be on the implications for school and public libraries of such new developments as the changing patterns in school buildings and equipment, the use of technological devices such as television and teaching machines, emphasis on ability grouping, effects of the National Defense Education Act and the responsibility of libraries to meet new demands.

If the workshop is not included in a student's regular summer program, the fee is \$45.00 for Michigan residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Since registration is limited, prospective participants should write well in advance to the Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The following courses also of interest to school librarians will be offered in the first six weeks of the summer session:

- 431 (141) Organization of Materials in the School Library
- 442 (142) Curriculum Materials in the School Library
- 465 (157) Literature for Children
- 470 (148) School Library Administration

Additional information concerning the workshop and other summer courses may be obtained from the Department of Library Science, 309 General Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## ALA'S OFFICE OF ADULT EDUCATION RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT

Receipt of a \$25,000 terminal grant from the Fund for Adult Education to the American Library Association to continue support for the Association's Office of Adult Education has been announced by David H. Clift, executive director of ALA.

The period of the grant begins on September 1, 1961, and will extend over the following four to six years. In making the grant, the board of directors of the Fund for Adult Education, an independent organization established by the Ford Foundation in 1951, stressed its concern that the ALA will continue during this period to be interested in and give continuing support to the concept of the public library's responsibility for adult education both within its walls and in its work with other organizations. The board also stipulated that

the activities of the Adult Services Division continue to encourage the development of adult education sections within state library associations, and the grant is intended to make certain that the work of the Adult Services Division will not be temporarily curtailed for lack of funds during the years of financial restriction on ALA due to the headquarters building program.

In acknowledging the grant, Clift recalled the encouragement and support which the Fund for Adult Education has given the Association's adult education program since 1951. He commented on the noticeable growth of adult education in libraries and the work of ALA in this area attributing much of the growth to the aid received from the Fund.

### *More About Adult Education*

The Adult Education Association of the U. S. A., with headquarters in Chicago, is national leader of professional organizations in the field and a natural pivot for all the widely scattered many-faceted activities devoted to the education of adults.

Many librarians over the country have supported and participated in the affairs of the Adult Education Association. Mrs. Grace Stevenson, deputy executive director of the American Library Association, was president of the AEA in 1958. Librarians in Arkansas do not need to be reminded of the importance and significance of individual fulfillment in the lives of library patrons and of adults in general who **must** be the responsible citizens of today. Education for living, for self-enrichment, for maturity, for survival—these purposes and values we cannot afford to let slide from our horizons of effort as co-workers in the broad experience of human culture and social progress.

Besides two regular monthly publications, **ADULT LEADERSHIP** and **ADULT EDUCATION**, the AEA has produced and published four new professional books during the last year: **The Handbook of Adult Education in the United States, An Overview of Adult Education Research, Issues in Dispute, and Creating a Climate for Adult Learning.** AEA also publishes outstanding leadership pamphlets.

If you are interested in belonging to the Adult Education Association of the U. S. A. (both individual or institutional memberships are invited) or if you would like further information about the organization or its work please write to:

Miss LaNell Compton  
AEA Membership Coordinator  
for Arkansas

c/o Arkansas Library Commission  
506½ Center Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXPLORES NEW MEANS OF CARD DISTRIBUTION

The Library of Congress has been investigating the possibilities of a program whereby libraries could obtain sets of LC catalog cards with the books they purchase from distributors and perhaps from some publishers, rather than ordering cards separately from LC when they purchase their books.

It should be **emphasized** that **no program is yet in effect** and that the arrangement is presently in an exploratory stage only.

The Processing Department of the Library of Congress entered in fiscal 1960 into a cooperative arrangement with the R. R. Bowker Company, whereby Bowker lends LC the review copies it receives for listing in its periodicals and receives in return the full cataloging information for all new books that LC catalogs in advance of their distribution to libraries. (This cataloging informa-

tion is made available to libraries in Bowker's two periodicals, **PUBLISHERS WEEKLY** and the monthly **AMERICAN BOOK PUBLISHING RECORD**.) When this supplementary arrangement had been in operation for 12 months (October, 1959-October, 1960), LC reviewed receipts from both programs. Together, the two sources of review copies yield an annual 13,000 titles, not previously cataloged by LC, since they are the first copies to be received. New American trade publications and new editions, according to PW statistics, total about 15,000 a year; this figure, it should be noted, includes pamphlets, works in series, and other items for which new catalog cards would not be prepared. This means that the yield of 13,000 titles not previously cataloged can provide LC with nearly full coverage of the entire field of current American trade books for advance-cataloging.

## STUDY OF LIBRARY CATALOG CARD REPRODUCTION TO BE MADE

Launching of an important study of catalog card reproduction under the auspices of the Library Technology project of the American Library Association, with the financial support of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., has been announced recently.

There are two principal sources of printed catalog cards in the United States: the Library of Congress and the H. W. Wilson Company of New York. The national library sold 32 million cards this past year. H. W. Wilson, which supplies cards for the most frequently purchased books, sold a comparable number. Despite these two sources, both of major importance to libraries for assisting them in the work of cataloging, the

number of cards which individual libraries must produce for their own requirements is tremendous, running to a figure of the order of 100 million a year.

The newly announced study will be divided into two phases. In the first phase, current catalog card production will be analyzed. In the second phase, design and production of new equipment for card production, based on first-phase findings, will be investigated. The systems study will be carried out by the management firm of George Fry & Associates of Chicago. Joseph H. Treyz, Jr., assistant head of the cataloging department at Yale University Library, will work full time with the Fry staff during the study.

## NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER: DOCUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

The School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, through its Center for Documentation and Communication Research and in cooperation with the General Electric Company and the American Society for Metals was host on May 24 to a group of science editors, library journal representatives and business and technical magazine editors for the pre-view of the new GE 225 all purpose computer recently installed at the Documentation Center on the campus.

The new General Electric information searching system—GE 225—consists of a transistorized general purpose computer with an 8,192-word magnetic core storage memory and special programming features for conducting literature searches. It is equipped with a dual magnetic tape handler and tape controller, a high-

speed punched card input and an electric typewriter output. It is the first of its type to be installed anywhere in the world for the purpose of literature searching.

Since 1955 Western Reserve University has pioneered a far-reaching program to improve library methods in its new Center for Communication and Documentation Research under leadership of Dean Jesse H. Shera, the Center's spokesman and a national leader in the new field of documentation. From Western Reserve's President John S. Millis as well as the Center's Associate Director Allen Kent, down to any of the part-time graduate staff assistants, the more than fifty men and women at the Center are dedicated to the idea that a reasonable approach to the staggering problems of scientific communication can be found.

## COURSES IN LIBRARY SCIENCE TRAINING IN ARKANSAS RE-EVALUATED

By Allie C. Wilson \*

The Education Committee of the Arkansas Library Association and teachers of Library Science in the colleges of Arkansas held a joint meeting at Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia, April 22.

In addition to the Henderson staff, there were representatives from the University of Arkansas, Arkansas Polytechnic College, State Teachers College, Arkansas College, Southern State College, and Ouachita Baptist College.

The purpose of the meeting was to re-evaluate the courses as now given, to co-ordinate the courses given in the colleges, and to discuss the possibility of extending offerings in the field of Library Science. Special consultants were Mrs. Frances Neal and

Miss Freddy Schader of the Arkansas Library Commission and Dean White-side from the State Department of Education.

The visitors were welcomed at Caddo Center at 9:30 with coffee and doughnuts: discussions were held in Evans Hall. The meeting was opened by a report from Marcella Grider, University of Arkansas, on the requirements for admission to American Library Association accredited schools in the Southwest region. This was a good point of departure for the discussion of the offerings in the colleges of our state.

Panels had been named ahead of time for the discussion of each course. Although the members knew for which panel they had been selected,

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they had no opportunity (in most cases, at least) to confer with other members beforehand, and, as one panel leader stated, "The discussions were unrehearsed and unrigged." The panel form was used because it would give more people a chance to express their views. However, the subject met with such enthusiasm that opinions and ideas flowed freely and the entire group contributed to each discussion.

The first course evaluated for content and method was Organization, which is designated by some of the colleges as Administration or Management. It was concluded that prospective school librarians should become familiar with the history and philosophy of librarianship and the relation of the school library to other libraries, county and regional, and to the curriculum and objectives of the school it serves. Circulation methods and procedures are to be covered, and methods of teaching the use of books and libraries are to be included. Book selection, including the examination of books and principles and criteria, is to be left to the selection course, but methods and policies of purchasing may be included. Since many new school buildings with library headquarters are being built in Arkansas, it was decided that school librarians should become familiar with sources and kinds of equipment and with building plans.

In the Selection of Materials course, the objectives stressed are the evaluation of materials in terms of the needs of the school pertaining to basic collection and supplementary materials; the formulation of criteria for judging style, interest, usefulness; and the development of familiarity with aids in selecting and evaluating materials. Basic aids for selection are to be CHILDREN' CATALOG, STANDARD CATALOG FOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES, the A. L. A. BASIC LISTS, and other aids, such as HORNBOOK, BULLETIN OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTER, LI-

BRARY JOURNAL, BOOKLIST, and WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN. A study of books according to literary type or subject area is to be made. Types of materials to be included are books, magazines, pamphlets, pictures, films, filmstrips, and records, the emphasis on audio-visual materials to consume a smaller portion of the course time than books and magazines. The following areas are to receive emphasis: (1) the study of the new ALA Standards (2) the need for books to supplement the curriculum and (3) reading guidance. Selection at both the high school and elementary level will be studied.

The objectives of the Reference courses were described as twofold: (1) to enable the students to learn the kinds of reference books as well as to teach them how to make the best use of their tools and (2) to teach the students the use of various aids for selection of reference books. The term reference in the first objective was expanded to include not only formal reference books but the card catalog, periodical indexes, and other indexes. The categories of reference books to be studied are (1) dictionaries (2) encyclopedias (3) yearbooks (4) biographical references (5) indexes and (6) handbooks. In addition, some subject areas should be briefly treated. It was suggested that stress be placed on science, mathematics, and foreign languages so that students would become familiar with books acceptable for purchase under the National Defense Education Act funds. The panel concluded by saying that the use of questions to be searched in reference books would be most helpful to students, since this method presents a realistic situation. It was suggested also that some attention be given to correct bibliographic form.

Topics discussed relative to Cataloging and Classification were texts, aids, and the extent to which cataloging should be simplified. The group concluded that copies of Dewey's *Decimal Classification* (8th abridged ed.) should be available to the



students, either for purchase or for use in the library. Akers' **Simple Library Cataloging** was recommended as a text, with Johnson's **Manual of Cataloging and Classification for Small Schools** as a supplementary text. For subject headings, it was recommended that Sears' **List of Subject Headings for Small Libraries** be available, or that Wilson's **Standard Catalog** be used, or that the student be required to make a subject authority file. General opinion was that no Cutter is needed in cataloging school libraries. Some participants, however, felt that the class needed some explanation of the Cutter table and its use. Emphasis should be placed on the use of Wilson cards.

There was general agreement on the four basic courses, and these offerings have done much to improve the high school libraries in the state. Now, there is felt to be a great need for an increase in offerings, as some of the colleges have been giving less than twelve hours and some only the twelve hours. Three colleges in the state were already meeting the fifteen-hour requirement of the State Department of Education and giving courses beyond the fifteen-hour requirement. These will continue to offer advanced courses and one college is adding a course in the summer of 1961 in order to meet the minimum requirement of fifteen hours. Mr. Whiteside commended the interest and work of the group, and urged that each college offer at least the minimum hours required. He recommended that each teacher of librarianship have on hand a copy of the policies and criteria for the certification of teachers and librarians in Arkansas and a copy of the policies and regulations for the accreditation of schools, published by the North Central Association. Mrs. Neal re-emphasized the improvement of school libraries within the last ten

years and stated that there is a recognized need for additional opportunities for library science training within the state.

One advanced course under consideration was library practice. Most of the colleges represented lack facilities to supervise practice, especially during the summer. Mr. Whiteside stated that he was not in favor of practice work in the summer session because this session is not a typical situation. It was concluded that practice is necessary for beginning librarians, but less necessary for in-service librarians.

Another course beyond the twelve basic hours being offered by some of the colleges is an extension of the basic library materials course to include book reviews, story-telling, promotional talks, and the problems of controversial materials.

One college is answering the need for extension of basic fundamentals by offering a course in bibliography and reference, chiefly in the subject areas. This will enable the student to continue his study of selection of materials and reference on the elementary and secondary school level and will acquaint him with bibliography in subject areas in which he might later wish to do graduate study.

The conference closed with the general feeling that we have made a better climate for the acceptance of library courses in Arkansas. One of the most important things teachers and librarians can do is to teach children in the state to appreciate books and reading. Students nowadays are becoming responsible for more of their education through individualized reading and the use of instructional material other than books. It is therefore imperative that students know how to use materials and libraries.

## NEWS NOTES

**Bernard Barnes**, vice president and secretary of Time, Inc., has been named Chairman of the Steering Committee for the fifth observance of National Library Week, April 8-14, 1962. He succeeds Norman H. Strouse, president of J. Walter Thompson Company, who will continue as a member of the Committee. Donald H. McGannon, president and director of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, has been appointed a vice chairman of the Committee, a post held by Barnes for the past two years. The appointments were announced by Emerson Greenaway, Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia and Chairman of the National Book Committee which sponsors the reading and library development program in cooperation with the American Library Association. Full membership of the Steering Committee will be announced later this summer.

**Mrs. P. L. Perkins**, Hope, author of a forthcoming textbook to be used in the public schools at Hope, was recently honored at a tea given by the Hempstead County Library Board at the library headquarters in Hope. Mrs. Perkins' book is a workbook entitled **Language Series, Fifth through Eighth Grades**. English teacher at Hope High School, Mrs. Perkins was on leave the past school year on account of illness.

Staff members and a library trustee from **Southwest Arkansas Regional Library**, headquarters at Nashville, visited Columbia-LaFayette Library, headquarters, Magnolia, in April to observe recent improvements there. The visitors were received by Miss Florene Jordan, Columbia-LaFayette regional librarian, and her staff and several trustees. Among the improvements at the library headquarters in Magnolia was a new staff kitchen

unit, where luncheon was prepared for the guests.

The group from Southwest Arkansas Regional Library also visited Lewisville, both elementary and high school libraries, en route to Magnolia. Miss Marjorie Walker, Lewisville librarian, showed the visitors a hand-made book press used in binding periodicals.

**The Jackson County Library**, custodian of much of the history of Jackson county, sponsored the Civil War Centennial in the county. It was held in honor of the members of all Jackson county families whose ancestors served in the Confederate Army 100 years ago.

Robert Penn Warren has called the Civil War the "Homeric Period of the United States." No other conflict has produced such drama, such sacrifice, such tragedy, nor the meteor-like rise of so many heroic figures on both sides.

To heighten the local program for National Library Week, the librarian of the **Rector Public Library**, Mrs. **E. Randleman**, and Mrs. Richard Gordon, Woman's Club chairman for National Library Week and Girl Scout Troop 126 asked twenty Rector citizens to name their most memorable childhood book and to write a paragraph telling why they considered it so.

The Scouts prepared two large posters for this event. They contain the photograph of these twenty citizens. Their book selections are grouped nearby, as a means of introducing to library visitors, during National Library Week, good reading for a "richer, fuller life."

In a ceremony performed at 8 p. m., May 2, in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

William E. Parks in St. Joseph, La., **Miss Margaret Hutchison**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hutchison of Bee Branch, became the bride of Carl G. Denmon of St. Joseph, son of Green Denmon of Serepta, La.

Rev. John Bradshaw, pastor of St. Joseph First Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Janie Parks was candlelighter.

A reception followed the ceremony. After a trip to points in Arkansas and Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Denmon are at home in St. Joseph, where Mrs. Denmon is acting librarian for Tensas and Madison parishes, and Mr. Denmon is associated with an oil company. The bride was formerly librarian, Phillips County Library, headquarters at Helena.

The appointment of **Mark M. Gormley**, assistant director of libraries and associate professor of library science at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, as executive secretary of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, effective September 1, has been announced by David H. Clift, executive director of the Association. Concurrent with the appointment of Mr. Gormley, Mr. Clift announced the resignation of Richard B. Harwell from the ALA staff. Mr. Harwell, executive secretary since 1957 and associate executive director of ALA since 1958, will become librarian of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in September. Mr. Gormley will continue his duties at Colorado State University through the summer, although he will attend the ALA Cleveland Conference as a member of the ALA Headquarters staff.

On May 1 President Kennedy signed into law an **Area Redevelopment Bill** to promote new opportunities in rural and urban areas suffering from a chronic lack of full-

time jobs. The new legislation authorizes \$394 million in loans, grants, technical aid, and other benefits over a four-year period. One hundred million dollars in loans are specifically earmarked for low-income rural areas. Among five broad types of Federal aid authorized by the Area Redevelopment Act are listed: Loans and grants for public facilities, such as water and sewage systems and power lines. This category includes grants for construction of **public library buildings**. Under the **PUBLIC FACILITY LOANS PROGRAM** (Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency), long-term loans are available to assist in financing of needed public works projects. Public libraries are considered eligible for such loans. Form CFA-700 (dated 2-10-61), issued by the Community Facilities Administration, summarizes Title II of Public Law 345, 84th Congress, As Amended. Inquiries should be forwarded to the regional office of the HHFA—Federal Center, Room 2000, 300 West Vickery Boulevard, Fort Worth 4, Texas.

**Sister Mary Virginia, S.C.N.**, has been transferred from the library of St. Vincent Infirmary, Little Rock, to Nazareth, Kentucky. Sister Mary Helen, S.C.N., formerly of Nazareth College in Louisville, Kentucky, succeeds her as librarian.

**Mrs. Merlin Moore**, chairman, Arkansas Library Commission, was principal speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club on April 16, in celebration of National Library Week. Mrs. Moore told her small group of listeners of the many trials and tribulations leading to the establishment of libraries in a number of the counties in Arkansas. She also plugged the formation of personal lifetime reading habits. Mrs. Moore named three distinct types of reading—duty read-

ing, occasional reading in search of specific information, and just plain reading for the fun of it.

Other guests at the luncheon included Mrs. Watt Nixon, Jacksonville librarian; Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Pulaski county librarian; Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission; Mrs. Almon Faught, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission; Miss Freddy Schader, administrative assistant, and Miss LaNell Compton, cataloger, Arkansas Library Commission; Mrs. Leo Byrne and Mrs. W. H. Laubach. Harvey Young, supervisor of instruction, Arkansas Education Association, also attended.

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**Mrs. Merlin M. Moore and Mrs. Almon Faught**, trustees, Arkansas Library Commission, spent June 19-30 in Johnson, Vermont where Mrs. Moore has conducted a workshop in Children's Literature. They will attend the annual conference of the American Library Association in Cleveland, July 7-15. Mrs. Faught will join the Arkansas group at the conference for her return home. Following the ALA conference Mrs. Moore will attend the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. She will participate in a workshop—"Economic Education"—for Connecticut school administrators, returning to Arkansas September 1.

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**Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin** of Tulsa, Oklahoma announce the marriage of their only daughter, Elizabeth to Jack Siggins, June 9. Mr. and Mrs. Siggins will live in Charlottesville, Virginia where he will attend the University of Virginia Law School. Mrs. Martin was formerly administrative assistant at the Arkansas Library Commission.

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**Eight Boys Attending Boys State** visited the Arkansas Library Commission on June 9. They were as-

signed to professional positions on the staff of the state library to observe the functions of the agency. The following week **Mrs. Karl Neal** executive secretary and librarian, was among the group of state department heads who visited Girls' State at Camp Robinson to describe responsibilities and services of state agencies.

Library recruits **Miss Marilyn Orts** and **Miss Jo Carol Hubbard** are employed at the Arkansas Library Commission this summer. Marilyn, a third summer employee, graduated at Hall High School in May and will enroll at Hendrix College in September. She served as a junior counselor at Girls' State. Jo Carol is a second summer employee and has completed her freshman year at the University of Arkansas.

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**Miss Gladys Sachse** is on leave for the summer from her work at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, to serve as a Special Instructor in the Library School at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Miss Sachse is teaching Books and Materials for Children, Books and Materials for Young People, and School Libraries.

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**Mrs. Katharine Keathley**, librarian, Danville High School, is enrolled in the graduate library school of the University of Oklahoma, this summer. Mrs. Keathley's article, **Arkansas Discovers Asia**, which appeared in the October, 1960 ALA BULLETIN, is now available in reprint from the Young Adult Division of the American Library Association.

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**Mrs. De Anna Guinn Willmuth** is assistant in the Commission's circulation and reference departments during the summer. She was a part time employee during her four years at Little Rock University and has been on the staff of the Little Rock public schools the past year.

**Mrs. Jim Merritt**, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission, served as counselor at Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arkansas, June 11-18. Mrs. John F. Gibson, trustee of the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, was also on the staff.

**Mrs. W. H. McCain**, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission, after attending the annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Miami, Florida early in June joined a group to attend the 1961 Hemispheric Solidarity Conference of the General Federation in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-16. This is her second international conference. She attended a similar conference in Geneva, Switzerland, 1955. Since attending the 1961 international conference she has visited Sao Paulo, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, and Panama. She returns July 7.

**Miss Beatrice Prall**, former librarian at the Little Rock Public Library, died June 4 at her home at High Point, N. C. She was a native of Hope and a graduate of the University of Arkansas. She was librarian at Little Rock for eight years before

going to Saginaw Public Library in 1928. After 25 years at Saginaw she retired and lived at Saginaw in the winter and Knoxville, Tenn., or High Point, N. C. in the summer. Interment was at Hope.

On July 1 **Governor Faubus** dipped \$2,750 out of his emergency fund to help the Arkansas Library Commission pay its rent at 506½ Center Street. The crisis arose when the state Plant Board, which shared an annual \$5,500 rent with the Commission, moved to its new quarters at 421½ West Capitol Avenue. This left the Library Commission with more space and the entire rental cost. The emergency payment, combined with the Commission's rental appropriation, covers the rent for the entire fiscal year beginning today.

#### FOR SALE

1951 Chevrolet Panel Truck in good condition—Mileage 30,000—suitable for delivery of boxed collections of books to schools and branch libraries. May be seen at Fulton-Sharp Library, Hardy, Arkansas. Make offer of price to Mrs. H. H. Norman, Hardy, Arkansas.

